

## Message Text

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TAGS: OVIP, LI (TOLBERT, W.R.)

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT - FIRE AT THEATER IN MONROVIA

FOR AF/W AMBASSADOR CARTER

1. FIRE BROKE OUT IN ROXY CINEMA ON BROAD STREET EARLY AFTERNOON  
SEPTEMBER 20. LATEST REPORTS LIST FOUR DEAD, 120 INJURED, WITH  
TWO IN CRITICAL CONDITION. REPORTEDLY FEW (IF ANY) WERE BURNED,  
AND DEATHS AND INJURIES ATTRIBUTED TO CRUSHING FROM PANIC OF  
CROWD, MOST OF WHOM WERE YOUTHS. SOME REPORTS CLAIM PART OF  
PROBLEM CAUSED BY THEATER MANAGEMENT WHO LOCKED EXITS WHEN FIRE  
BROKE OUT.

2. YOU MAY WISH EXPRESS YOUR CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT.  
APPARENTLY PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED. FYI: LOCAL  
MEDIA REPORTING THIS SECOND NATIONAL DISASTER TO HIT IN WEEK.  
FIRST BEING LAST WEEK'S FLOODS WHICH REPORTEDLY KILLED THREE.  
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